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**Office Action Summary**

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12/9/05.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 11-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 11-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**DETAILED ACTION**

1. This office action is in response to the amendment filed on December 9, 2005, in which claims 1-5 and 11-29 are presented for further examination.

***Response to Arguments***

2. Applicant's arguments filed on August 9, 2005, with respect to the art rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-5 and 11-29 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection of claims 1-5 and 11-29 over "Kings College London" has been withdrawn. However, the rejection under 112 rejection is hereby sustained. Upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of new cited references.

***Remark***

3. Applicants asserted that substantive data is apparent to one having ordinary skill in the art as data that embodies the scientific poster content, for example background and research information, experience data, result (see paragraph [0003], [0012]). The examiner disagrees with the precedent assertion. Paragraph [0003] and [0012]) as indicated by the Applicants does not detail that substantive data is data that embodies the scientific poster content. Therefore, it would not be apparent to one having ordinary skill in the art to know that a substantive data is listed as scientific poster content

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claims 1-5 and 11-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The word “*substantive*” does not really describe the characteristic of the user input and it does not add any weight to the claimed language.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

7. Claims rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by George R. Hess (hereinafter “Hess”) article entitled “Creating effective Poster Presentations”.

As to claim 1, Hess discloses a visual communication tool for use in creation of a scientific poster as a tool, which combines a verbal presentation with a visual aid (see page 1, words of caution). Applicants should duly note a scientific poster is a large document that can communicate at a scientific meeting. It is known in the art before the invention was made template files for scientific poster can be found on the internet by conducting a search in Google for “poster template” and then adding the application name to modified the poster template based on the user interest. Using Microsoft PowerPoint, Hess can create a poster presentation. Hess

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uses an existing poster template, which provided on the website for downloading to create such a scientific poster (see software tools, section 7). Hess provides the use of modifying such existing poster to meet the user interest. Hess discloses the claimed “enabling a user to input user-selected design parameters for a scientific poster”; “generating a sample poster according to the user-selected design parameters and confirming the user-selected design parameters”; “building an image of the scientific poster according to the user-selected design parameters and the user-input substantive data”; and “delivering the scientific poster according to a desired delivery process including by posting the scientific poster image on an Internet web page a wherein step (d) is practiced by linking designated files from the user's dedicated vault and wherein when one or more of the designated files is modified. step (d) comprises updating the scientific poster image according to the modified files” by using the existing poster downloading on the website, users to select their own design parameters using the poster templates, wherein each template is a pre-designed, large-format PowerPoint page set to the average conference poster, the templates vary only in shape and color of the user choice. It is noted a template files for scientific posters is found in the internet by conducting a search in Goggle for “poster template” and then adding the application name, PowerPoint that allows to create a poster as a single oversized presentation slide, wherein the posters have stored in the website for future use. Once the template is downloaded from the Internet, such template can be modified based on the user preference. Such teachings are well known in the art as creating a poster Using Ms PowerPoint (see, HSERV 590A: Knowledge management in Health services”

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As to claim 2, Hess discloses the claimed “wherein step (a) is practiced by enabling the user to input user-selected design parameters including at least one of poster size, orientation, figure placement, resolution, paper type, and colors” (see section 6, color).

As to claim 3, Hess discloses the claimed “wherein step (a) is practiced by enabling the user to select a poster size from a plurality of predetermined poster sizes or enabling the user to input a custom poster size”.

As to claim 4, Hess discloses the claimed “wherein step (a) is practiced by providing access to a poster gallery including a plurality of poster samples and enabling the user to input poster design parameters by selecting one of the poster samples” (by having users to selected their own design parameters using the poster templates, wherein each template is a pre-designed, large-format PowerPoint page set to the average conference poster, the templates vary only in shape and color of the user choice (using the software tool to create poster using the existing poster in the Internet, section 6).

As to claim 5, Hess discloses the claimed “between steps (d) and (e), the step of providing the image of the scientific poster to the user for review and effecting any necessary edits according to the user's review” (once the template is downloaded from the internet, such template can be modified based on the user preference, using the software tool to create poster using the existing poster in the Internet, section 6).

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As to claim 11, Hess discloses the claimed “enabling password or ID access to the internet web page” in order to conduct a search to Goggle for poster templates, one must be granted access to the network, (using the software tool to create poster using the existing poster in the Internet, section 6).

As to claim 12, Hess discloses the claimed “wherein step (e) is practiced by incorporating hyperlinks in the web page that lead to supplementary information” (using the URL link to download poster templates over the internet or by conducting a search in Goggle for “poster templates, using the software tool to create poster using the existing poster in the Internet, section 6).

As to claims 13-15, the limitations of claims 13 and 14 have been mentioned in the rejection of claim 1 above. In addition, As to claim 1, Hess discloses a visual communication tool for use in creation of a scientific poster as a tool, which combines a verbal presentation with a visual aid (see page 1, words of caution). Applicants should duly note a scientific poster is a large document that can communicate at a scientific meeting. It is known in the art before the invention was made template files for scientific poster can be found on the internet by conducting a search in Goggle for “poster template” and then adding the application name to modified the poster template based on the user interest. Using Microsoft PowerPoint, Hess can create a poster presentation. Hess uses an existing poster template, which provided on the

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website for downloading to create such a scientific poster (see software tools, section 7). Hess provides the use of modifying such existing poster to meet the user interest. Hess discloses the claimed “enabling a user to input user-selected design parameters for a scientific poster”; “generating a sample poster according to the user-selected design parameters and confirming the user-selected design parameters”; “building an image of the scientific poster according to the user-selected design parameters and the user-input substantive data”; and “delivering the scientific poster according to a desired delivery process including by posting the scientific poster image on an Internet web page a wherein step (d) is practiced by linking designated files from the user's dedicated vault and wherein when one or more of the designated files is modified. step (d) comprises updating the scientific poster image according to the modified files” by using the existing poster downloading on the website, users to select their own design parameters using the poster templates, wherein each template is a pre-designed, large-format PowerPoint page set to the average conference poster, the templates vary only in shape and color of the user choice. It is noted a template files for scientific posters is found in the internet by conducting a search in Goggle for “poster template” and then adding the application name, PowerPoint that allows to create a poster as a single oversized presentation slide, wherein the posters have stored in the website for future use. Once the template is downloaded from the Internet, such template can be modified based on the user preference. Such teachings are well known in the art as creating a poster Using Ms PowerPoint (see, HSERV 590A: Knowledge management in Health services”



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As to claims 16-20, As to claim 1, Hess discloses a visual communication tool for use in creation of a scientific poster as a tool, which combines a verbal presentation with a visual aid (see page 1, words of caution). Applicants should duly note a scientific poster is a large document that can communicate at a scientific meeting. It is known in the art before the invention was made template files for scientific poster can be found on the internet by conducting a search in Goggle for "poster template" and then adding the application name to modified the poster template based on the user interest. Using Microsoft PowerPoint, Hess can create a poster presentation. Hess uses an existing poster template, which provided on the website for downloading to create such a scientific poster (see software tools, section 7). Hess provides the use of modifying such existing poster to meet the user interest. Hess discloses the claimed "enabling a user to input user-selected design parameters for a scientific poster"; "generating a sample poster according to the user-selected design parameters and confirming the user-selected design parameters"; "building an image of the scientific poster according to the user-selected design parameters and the user-input substantive data"; and "delivering the scientific poster according to a desired delivery process including by posting the scientific poster image on an Internet web page a wherein step (d) is practiced by linking designated files from the user's dedicated vault and wherein when one or more of the designated files is modified. step (d) comprises updating the scientific poster image according to the modified files" by using the existing poster downloading on the website, users to select their own design parameters using the poster templates, wherein each template is a pre-designed, large-format PowerPoint page set to the average conference poster, the templates vary only in shape and color of the user choice. It is noted a template files for scientific posters is found in the internet by conducting a search in Goggle for "poster template" and then adding the

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application name, PowerPoint that allows to create a poster as a single oversized presentation slide, wherein the posters have stored in the website for future use. Once the template is downloaded from the Internet, such template can be modified based on the user preference. Such teachings are well known in the art as creating a poster Using Ms PowerPoint (see, HSERV 590A: Knowledge management in Health services”

As to claims 21-27, the limitations of claim 21-27 have been noted in the rejection of claims 1-5 and 11-20 above. In addition, As to claim 1, Hess discloses a visual communication tool for use in creation of a scientific poster as a tool, which combines a verbal presentation with a visual aid (see page 1, words of caution). Applicants should duly note a scientific poster is a large document that can communicate at a scientific meeting. It is known in the art before the invention was made template files for scientific poster can be found on the internet by conducting a search in Goggle for “poster template” and then adding the application name to modified the poster template based on the user interest. Using Microsoft PowerPoint, Hess can create a poster presentation. Hess uses an existing poster template, which provided on the website for downloading to create such a scientific poster (see software tools, section 7). Hess provides the use of modifying such existing poster to meet the user interest. Hess discloses the claimed “enabling a user to input user-selected design parameters for a scientific poster”; “generating a sample poster according to the user-selected design parameters and confirming the user-selected design parameters”; “building an image of the scientific poster according to the user-selected design parameters and the user-input substantive data”; and “delivering the

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scientific poster according to a desired delivery process including by posting the scientific poster image on an Internet web page a wherein step (d) is practiced by linking designated files from the user's dedicated vault and wherein when one or more of the designated files is modified. step (d) comprises updating the scientific poster image according to the modified files” by using the existing poster downloading on the website, users to select their own design parameters using the poster templates, wherein each template is a pre-designed, large-format PowerPoint page set to the average conference poster, the templates vary only in shape and color of the user choice. It is noted a template files for scientific posters is found in the internet by conducting a search in Goggle for “poster template” and then adding the application name, PowerPoint that allows to create a poster as a single oversized presentation slide, wherein the posters have stored in the website for future use. Once the template is downloaded from the Internet, such template can be modified based on the user preference. Such teachings are well known in the art as creating a poster Using Ms PowerPoint (see, HSERV 590A: Knowledge management in Health services”

As to claim 29, the limitations of claim 29 have been noted in the rejection of claim 28 above. It is, therefore, rejected under the same rationale.

Note: It is important to note that the invention as claimed is old and well known in the computer system environment, where scientific poster templates are generated and stored in the network for use. So, the templates files for scientific poster s can be found on the internet by conducting a search in Goggle for “poster template”, wherein each template is a pre-designed, large format

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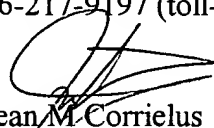
PowerPoint page set to the average conference poster size of A0, which the template's text can be replaced with user choice by re-typing or cut-and-paste and the figure can be imported using PowerPoint.

### *Conclusion*

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jean M. Corrielus whose telephone number is (571) 272-4032. The examiner can normally be reached on 10 hours shift.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Breene can be reached on (571) 272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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